

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Environment and Forestry

Assembly Bill 700

Relating to: eligibility requirements under the managed forest land program relating to parcel size and production of merchantable timber, management plans for managed forest lands, orders adding and withdrawing managed forest land, renewal of orders designating managed forest land, areas of managed forest lands that are open for public access, allowing managed forest lands to be used for recreational activities, regulation of cutting of timber on managed forest land and on forest croplands, withdrawal taxes and fees imposed on the withdrawal of managed forest land and yield taxes imposed for cutting timber from managed forest land, the sale or transfer of managed forest land, expiration of orders designating managed forest land, withdrawal of forest croplands that are held in trust for Indian tribes, a study of the managed forest land program, a report on exempt withdrawals from the managed forest land program and the forest cropland program, elimination of references to the woodland tax law, granting rule-making authority, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Mursau and Clark; cosponsored by Senator Tiffany., by request of Wisconsin Council on Forestry

February 04, 2014 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (7) Representative Mursau; Representatives Czaja, Loudenbeck, Stroebel, Danou, Milroy and Clark.
Absent: (1) Representative Krug.
Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Jeff Mursau - Representative - 36th Assembly District
- Fred Clark - Representative - 81st Assembly District
- Jane Severt - Wisconsin Council on Forestry
- Tom Hittle - Wisconsin Council on Forestry
- Bill O'Brien - Plum Creek Timber
- Nancy Bozek - Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association
- Gerry Mich
- Wayne Reisleger
- Joe Arington
- Robert Benson
- Douglas Duran
- John Ouellette

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Bob Mather - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Rick Kalvelage
- George Meyer - Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Jerry Knuth - Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- David Verhoge - Central Wisconsin Beagle Club
- Robert Nolan, Jr. - Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Registrations For

- Jennifer Giegrich - Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Tony Langenohl - Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association
- Todd Holschbach - The Nature Conservancy
- Karen Nolan - Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 04, 2014

Executive Session Held

Present: (8) Representative Mursau; Representatives Krug, Czaja, Loudenbeck, Stroebel, Danou, Milroy and Clark.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Krug, seconded by Representative Loudenbeck that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (8) Representative Mursau; Representatives Krug, Czaja, Loudenbeck, Stroebel, Danou, Milroy and Clark.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Loudenbeck, seconded by Representative Clark that **Assembly Bill 700** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Representative Mursau; Representatives Krug, Loudenbeck, Danou, Milroy and Clark.

Noes: (2) Representatives Czaja and Stroebel.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 2

Tim Gary
Committee Clerk